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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) and in an effort to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, the following information is hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office, i.e. the European Patent Office, in a counterpart foreign application (the counterpart European application) not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. WO 01/50196, US 3,879,203 and US 3,293,036 were previously disclosed in applicants' August 17, 2001 Disclosure Statement.

The European Search Report was completed on September 25, 2001.

No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

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